

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

February 8, 2002

IN RE:

**GENERIC DOCKET TO ESTABLISH
GENERALLY AVAILABLE TERMS AND
CONDITIONS FOR INTERCONNECTION**

**DOCKET NO.
01-00526**

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR EXTENSION IN PART

This matter came before the Pre-Hearing Officer upon the filing of a motion for extension of time filed by Time Warner Telecom of the Mid-South, L.P. ("Time Warner") on February 5, 2002 and a second motion for extension of time filed by XO Tennessee, Inc. ("XO"), MCI WorldCom, Inc. ("MCI") and the Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association ("SECCA") on February 7, 2002. All parties request that the Pre-Hearing Officer grant them an extension until March 11, 2002 to file comments on the January 25, 2002 filing of BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth").

On January 11, 2002, the Pre-Hearing Officer issued a notice requiring BellSouth to amend the Modified Interconnection Agreement filed on July 30, 2001 to "cause the Modified Interconnection Agreement to be consistent with the Authority's deliberations in Docket No. 97-01262 (Tariff No. 01-00646) on September 25, 2001; Docket No. 97-01262 (Tariff No. 01-00953) on November 20, 2001; and Docket No. 00-00544 on November 20, 2001." The notice instructed BellSouth to file the amendments no later than January 25, 2002. This same notice also instructed any intervening party that wished to file comments on the amendments to do so no later than February 8, 2002.

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On January 25, 2002, BellSouth filed its amendments to the Modified Interconnection Agreement. On February 5, 2002, Time Warner filed its motion for a thirty-day extension of time. In support of its motion, Time Warner argues that the length of the agreement and the resources requiring review before comment can be made necessitate the extension. In addition, Time Warner notes that BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.; XO Tennessee, Inc.; and MCI WorldCom do not oppose Time Warner's motion.¹

On February 7, 2002, XO, MCI and SECCA filed their motion for a thirty-day extension of time. These parties restate the arguments asserted by Time Warner. Additionally, XO, MCI and SECCA note that neither BellSouth nor Time Warner oppose the motion.²

The only comments requested in the January 11th notice were those related to BellSouth's amendments. While it is true that the Modified Interconnection Agreement is lengthy, the amendments contained therein are few. Likewise, the Authority deliberations to which the amendments are to comply are few. Specifically, the relevant deliberations are those in Docket No. 97-01262 (Tariff No. 01-00646) on September 25, 2001; Docket No. 97-01262 (Tariff No. 01-00953) on November 20, 2001; and Docket No. 00-00544 on November 20, 2001. These facts along with the Pre-Hearing Officer's previous finding "that this docket should proceed with limited delay"³ militate against a full thirty-day extension. Therefore, the Pre-Hearing Officer finds that movants should be granted an extension until Friday, February 15, 2001 within which to file their comments.

¹ Other intervenors not mentioned in the motion are SECCA; US LEC of Tennessee, Inc.; Sprint Communications Company, L.P.; and ITC^DeltaCom.

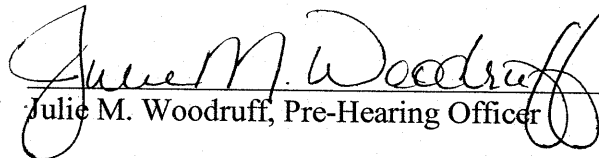
² Other intervenors not mentioned in the motion are US LEC of Tennessee, Inc.; Sprint Communications Company, L.P.; and ITC^DeltaCom.

³ *Order Granting Motion for Extension*, p. 2 (Aug. 3, 2001).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. The *Motion of Time Warner Telecom of the Mid-South, L.P. for Extension of Time to File Comments on Amendments of BellSouth's Modified Interconnection Agreement* filed on February 5, 2002 is granted in part such that Time Warner Telecom of the Mid-South, L.P. shall file comments on BellSouth Telecommunications Inc.'s January 25, 2002 amendments to its Modified Interconnection Agreement no later than **Friday, February 15, 2002.**

2. The *Motion of XO Tennessee, Inc., MCI WorldCom, Inc. and Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association for Extension of Time to File Comments on Amendments of BellSouth's Modified Interconnection Agreement* is granted in part such that XO Tennessee, Inc., MCI WorldCom, Inc., and the Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association shall file comments on BellSouth Telecommunications Inc.'s January 25, 2002 amendments to its Modified Interconnection Agreement no later than **Friday, February 15, 2002.**


Julie M. Woodruff, Pre-Hearing Officer

ATTEST:


K. David Waddell, Executive Secretary